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19 March 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Senior Training Officers

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SUBJECT

: Defense Intelligence School - Postgraduate

Intelligence Course (PGIC)

1. Attached for distribution to your training officers is a letter which describes the nine-month Postgraduate Intelligence Course (PGIC) which will begin at the Defense Intelligence School on 6 September 1974. The course is open to employees in grades GS-11 to GS-13; the Agency quota is two students.

2. Please submit nominations to me no later than Friday, 3 May 1974. Six copies of the nomination papers should be submitted-nominating statement, an up-to-date biographic profile, academic transcripts and the most recent fitness report.

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Executive Secretary
Training Selection Board

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28 February 1974

Mr. Alfonso Rodriquez Director of Training Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Rodriquez:

The Defense Intelligence School initiated a new graduate level academic program in FY-74 which, upon receipt of Congressional authorization, will award the degree of Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence to a limited number of students annually. The purpose of this letter is to invite the Central Intelligence Agency, as a member of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB), to participate in the program and to give your agency the opportunity to nominate one or more qualified civilians to enroll in the class which convenes on 6 September 1974. Those nominated who have present or anticipated duties with military intelligence personnel would probably benefit most from this program.

In brief, the nine-month Postgraduate Intelligence Course (PGIC) serves as the core curriculum for the Master's Degree Program. Additionally, the PGIC is augmented for those enrolled in the program with a series of elective classes in intelligence which are taught at the School by university professors, resident faculty and renowned government authorities. Following their graduation from the PGIC, candidates for the MSSI degree participate in a one year on-the-job practicum (successful performance in an intelligence or intelligence related billet) and must submit an original intelligence paper based upon some aspect of their assignment. A comprehensive examination by a committee comprised of members from the School faculty and intelligence community is required.

The MSSI degree program has been approved for implementation by both the Director, DIA and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence). The DoD General Counsel's office has drafted the legislative proposal in support of it. Once congressional approval is

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obtained, the degree will be awarded (retroactively, if necessary) to those who have completed all requirements. The present pilot class has civilian participants from the Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency and National Security Agency, as well as officers and civilians from the military services.

Instruction is provided on a no cost basis; however, participating agencies are responsible for the salaries and travel reimbursements, if any, of their nominees. The only prerequisites for admission to the program are possession of an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university with at least a "B" academic grade average or a Graduate Record Examination score of 600 verbal/1100 combined. Since the majority of students in the PGIC will be military officers in grades 0-3 through 0-5, it is suggested that civilian nominees be primarily from GS-II to GS-I3 CSC grade categories with actual intelligence or intelligence related assignments.

If you desire additional information concerning this program, I shall arrange for Dr. Robert Plumb, our Educational Advisor, to provide you and members of your staff with a detailed briefing at your convenience.

We have available a quota of two spaces for your agency in the FY-75 program. If you desire more, we will try to accommodate you although enrollment is limited. Nominations of qualified personnel, along with their academic transcripts, should be sent to the Registrar, Defense Intelligence School, no later than 1 July 1974.

We hope that it will be possible for your agency to participate in this important new program which will substantially enhance the intelligence expertise and professionalism of selected career personnel throughout the intelligence community.

Sincerely,

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Captain, USN Commandant